

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT:	SILVA ET AL.	)	
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		)	EXAMINER:
		)	Pedro Cuevas
FOR:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)		
	SECURING WIRES OF A ROTOR )		

**MARKED UP VERSION OF PRIOR PENDING CLAIMS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend/replace claim 15 as follows:

Claim15. (amended) The fan and slip ring assembly as in claim 14, wherein said pair of retaining caps further comprise:

[a] a pair of end portions depending outwardly from a pair of leg portions, said pair of leg portions being secured to each other at one end, and said pair of leg portions defining said receiving area, said end portions being secured to said surface of said fan.